

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that Claims 11, 14-17, 19-21, 24-28, 30-32 and 34-36 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by the U.S. patent to Hastings.

At the same time the Examiner indicated that Claims 22-23 and 37-42 are allowed.

The Examiner's indication of the allowance of the above identified claims has been gratefully acknowledged.

In connection with this indication, Claims 22, 23 and 37-42 have been retained as they were.


The rejected claims have been cancelled without prejudice.

Therefore, the present application now contains only the allowable claims.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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